

## How Michigan Can Get Lasting Returns on Preschool Investment

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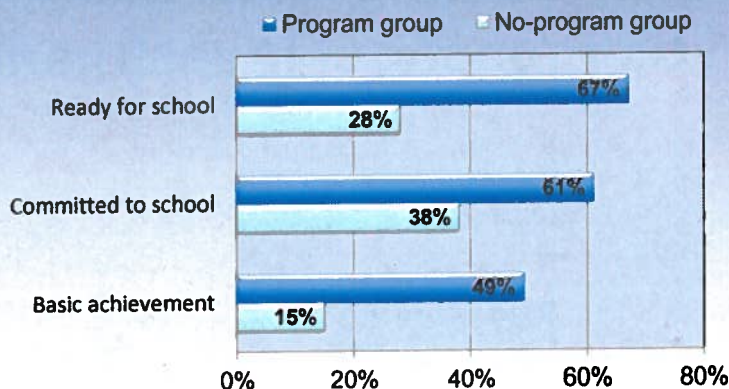
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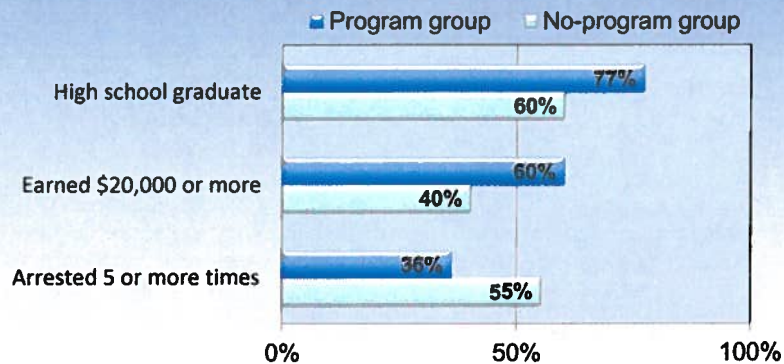
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## Perry Preschool Childhood Effects



## Perry Preschool Adult Effects



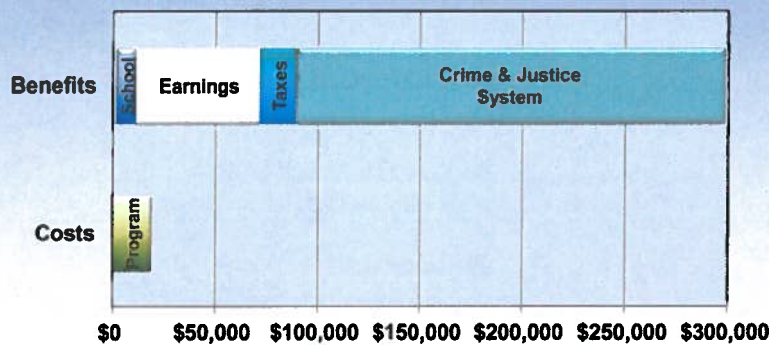
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## Long-Term Effects Disprove Fadeout

- The fadeout idea came from the disappearance of the program effect on IQ several years later
- But long-term effects disprove fadeout and must have had mediators
- Reduced misconduct reduced crime
- Improved school motivation improved achievement

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## Perry Preschool Return on Investment



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## To get what we got, do what we did, that worked —

1. Pay for enough qualified teachers
2. Learn and use a validated child development curriculum
3. Work with parents
4. Regularly assess program quality and child development

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## Michigan's Preschool Enrollment

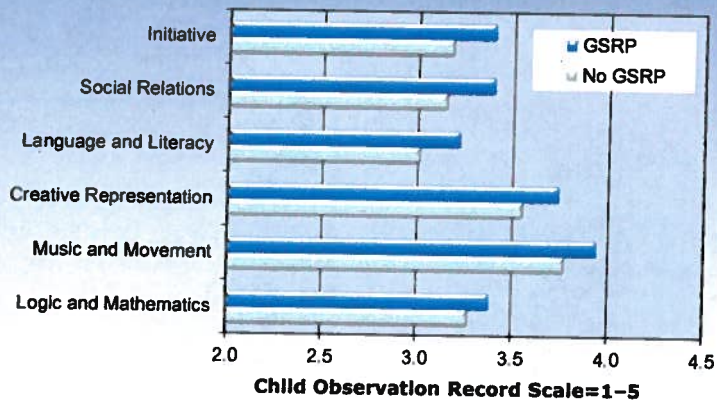
39% of Michigan's  
3- to 5-year-olds are  
not enrolled in nursery  
school, preschool or  
kindergarten.

—KidsCount 2009



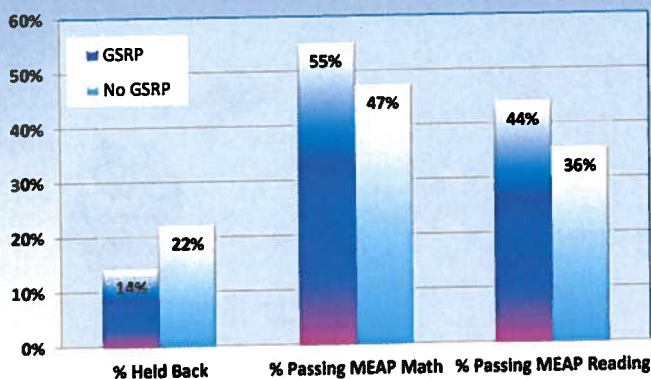
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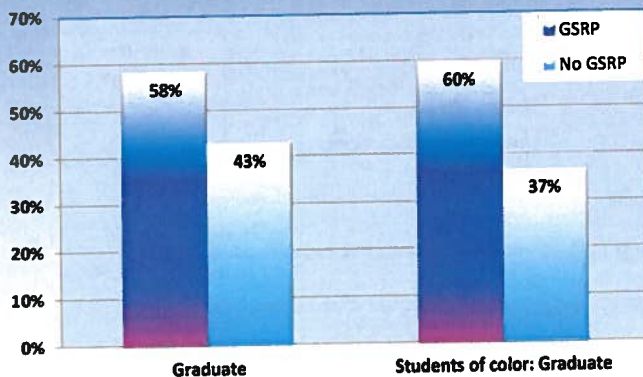
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## Great Start Readiness Program Effects at Grade 4



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## GSRP Effects on Graduating from High School on Time



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## Implications for Michigan's Great Start Readiness Program

- Maintain and increase overall funding
- Set the per-child funding high enough to pay for qualified teachers and quality support



## Implications for Child Care

- Early childhood care is early childhood education, but most of Michigan's federal child care funding goes to unregulated relatives and babysitters – shift it to regulated caregivers
- Require more training for caregivers, including relatives and in-home aides
- Support the new consolidated Office of Great Start – Early Childhood



